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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: North side of South Pass Avenue between Price Street and Dakota Street, South Pass City, Fremont County, Wyoming.  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: (USGS South Pass City Quadrangle Map) 12.680780.4703940.

Present Owner: Janet Tibbals.

Present Occupant: None.

Present Use: None.

Statement of Significance: Typical nineteenth century frontier log cabin.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: ca. 1890.
2. Architect: Unknown.
3. Original and subsequent owners: Legal description of property: Lot 107 on the North side of South Pass Avenue between Price Street and Dakota Street, South Pass City, Fremont County, Wyoming.

(Note: For further information on land ownership in South Pass City see the HABS Report on South Pass City, WYO-27.) The only recorded title for this property is dated 1941. At that time it was given (both cabin and lot) to Janet Tibbals by Anna Tibbals. However, this transaction was not recorded until 1957. Local legend suggests the cabin was built by Barney Tibbals in 1890. The last person to occupy the cabin was William Sager.

4. Alterations and Additions: None.

## B. Sources of Information:

1. Old views: Photograph file of the Wyoming Recreation Commission, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

2. Bibliography:

a. Primary and unpublished sources:

Bane, John, resident of South Pass City since 1926;  
interview in South Pass City, Wyoming on June  
23, 1973.

Shaffer, Thomas, planner for the Wyoming Recreation  
Commission; interview in Cheyenne, Wyoming on June  
19, 1973.

Fremont County, Abstract of Titles for Township 20,  
Fremont County Courthouse; Lander, Wyoming.

b. Secondary and published sources:

Muths, Thomas. Restoration Master Plan, South Pass City,  
Wyoming. Jackson, Wyoming: Design Associates, 1972.

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Project Historian  
National Park Service  
Summer, 1973

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: This simple two-room frontier log cabin is rectangular with two attached storage rooms built into the hill at the rear (north).
2. Condition of fabric: Fair.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: The cabin is approximately 15'-10" (two-bay front) x 26'-10". The room at the rear is approximately 10' x 12'.
2. Foundations: None.
3. Wall construction, finish and color: Natural finish lodgepole pine logs (hand-hewn).

4. Structural system, framing: Log bearing walls. The roof is supported by an intermediate king post truss (approximately eight feet from the south front wall) and three hand-hewn log purlins which parallel the long dimension of the building.
5. Porches, stoops: Wooden stoop (3'-6" x 4'-6") on grade at south (front) entrance door.
6. Chimneys: Brick chimney located at center rear of structure.
7. Openings:
  - a. Doorways and doors: Five-panel wooden door in south (front) wall. Doorway into rear room has no door.
  - b. Windows, shutters: There is one six-light sash in the west wall. All other windows are four-over-four light double hung.
8. Roof:
  - a. Shape, covering: Gable, green asphalt roll roofing.
  - b. Cornice, eaves: This is a ten inch overhang.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plan: There is a living/sleeping room at the front of the cabin with an eating/kitchen room immediately behind it. At the rear of the structure is a storage room built into the hill with access to the kitchen.
2. Stairways: None.
3. Flooring: Wooden plank floor with various coverings (carpet, linoleum).
4. Wall and ceiling finish: The ceiling is unfinished wood. The walls are corrugated box paper with some wallpaper.
5. Doorways and doors: Five-panel wooden door between kitchen and rear room. Cased opening between living/sleeping and kitchen.
6. Special decorative features and trim: A built-in storage cabinet supports the chimney above.

D. Site:

General setting and orientation: Located just west of the main intersection of the town, the building is oriented 10 degrees west of south.

Prepared by J. William Rudd  
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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

These records were made during the 1973 Wyoming Project undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey in cooperation with the Wyoming Recreation Commission. During the project, records were made on twenty-eight (28) individual subjects and six (6) historic areas.

This project was under the general supervision of John Poppeliers, chief of the Historic American Buildings Survey. Project Supervisor was Professor J. William Rudd, Architect, of the University of Cincinnati. Project Historian was John Paige, Oklahoma State University. The measured drawings were prepared by John Uhlir, University of California at Berkeley, Architect; and Student Assistant Architects Richard Duflocq, University of Cincinnati, Clayton Fraser, University of Tennessee, and Richard Wyatt, California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo. Jack E. Boucher, HABS staff photographer, provided the photographic record. This report was edited for HABS in 1977 by Candace Reed.